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Art Unit 1634

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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/695,065; Filed: October 25, 2000

Methods of Manipulating and Sequencing Nucleic Acid Molecules

**Using Transposition and Recombination** 

Inventors:

BRASCH et al.

Our Ref:

0942.50000001/RWE/BJD/T-M

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. SKGF Cover Letter;
- Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview; and 2.
- 3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview

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Sir:

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Frank Lu and Supervisory Patent Examiner Gary Jones for the personal interview conducted on March 23, 2005. Pursuant to the Interview Summary mailed April 20, 2005, which directs Applicants to file a statement of the substance of the interview within one month from the mailing date of the Interview Summary if a reply to the last Office Action has already been filed, Applicants submit herewith such a statement.

During the interview, claims 14-20, 27 and 32-57 were discussed, as were the Stermmer, Atlung, and Hartley references (of record) that were previously cited by the Examiner. Applicants indicated that the specification of the captioned application defines an integration sequence as a mobile genetic element (*see* Specification at page 22, line 29 to page 23, line 9). The Examiner indicated that the cited references would be reconsidered in

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light of a mobile genetic element if that limitation was inserted into the claims. Furthermore, the Examiner indicated that, if found free of the art, that limitation would overcome the references.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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